Mr. C. J. Mathew *(Joint Secretary to Government)*: The method now adopted is a civilised one.

Mr. B. M. Peter *(Latin-Christians-Mattancheri)*: How many lorries are there?

Mr. C. J. Mathew *(Joint Secretary to Government)*: I want notice.

Mr. C. R. Iyyunni *(Trichur-South)*: May I know how long has it been in disorder?

Mr. C. J. Mathew *(Joint Secretary to Government)*: I cannot say.

Mr. Ismail Hajee Essa Sait *(Mattancheri)*: May I know whether the report can be placed before the Council?

Mr. C. J. Mathew *(Joint Secretary to Government)*: Yes. You have signed the report yourself as the Chairman of that Municipality.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri)*: When was the report sent?

Mr. C. J. Mathew *(Joint Secretary to Government)*: It is dated 11th Karkadagam 1117 (27th July 1942.)

Mr. Shabdai S. Koder *(Mattancheri)*: Has the Government refused any petrol?

Mr. C. J. Mathew *(Joint Secretary to Government)*: Never refused. The question of petrol has not come up before the Government.

FERRY AT VETTUKADAVU

77. Mr. A. V. Moothedan *(Chalakkudi)*: Will Government be pleased to state the following.—

(*a*) the number of people crossing the Vettukadavu daily and going to the Chalakkudi market;

(*b*) the number of students crossing the Vettukadavu daily and going to Chalakkudi High Schools for boys and girls;

(*c*) others using the ferry daily;

(*d*) what is the bid amount of the collection at the ferry for 1117—1118;

(*e*) how many persons have slipped their feet and fallen at the ferry during the rainy season in 1116?

Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar)*:

(*a*) Number of persons on ordinary days about 100.
Do. on Chalakkudi market days 300 to 350.

(*b*) About 50 to 65.

(*c*) About 100.

(*d*) The bid amount of 1117—1118 is Rs. 410.

(*e*) Enquiries show that there had been a few instances where people slipped and fell down at the landing place.

The approximate number could not be furnished as no data is kept.

ST. SEBASTIAN'S HIGH SCHOOL AT KANJUR

78. Mr. A. V. Moothedan *(Chalakkudi)*: Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) whether the St. Sebastian's L. S. School at Kanjur is raised to a High School;

(*b*) what is the strength of the High School classes;

(*c*) considering the peculiar position of this school, *viz.*, that it is surrounded on all sides by Travancore, do Government propose to give any additional facilities and encouragement for its progress?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon *(Director of Public Instruction)*: (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) 37.

(*c*) Government do not propose to do anything.

Mr. C. R. Iyyunni *(Trichur-South)*: May I know, Sir, whether all the three classes have been started, or only the IV Form?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon *(Director of Public Instruction)*: This High School was started only two months ago. It is only Form IV.

ARTICLE IN THE "MALABAR MAIL" REGARDING COLLEGE FEES

79. Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam)*: Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) whether they have noted the last article in the last column of the "Malabar Mail" dated 19th June 1942 written by "a student" under the caption "മഹാരാജാസ് കോളേജിലെ ഫീസ്" ഭാരം" (Malabar Mail of 19th June 1942);

(*b*) whether any action was taken by Government to reduce the burden of fees referred to in the article;

(*c*) if so, will Government be pleased to inform the House the concessions given?

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Rao Sahib I. N. Menon *(Director of Public Instruction):* (*a*) Yes.
(*b*) No.
(*c*) Does not arise.

CONSTRUCTION OF SHELTERS—ERNAKULAM AND MATTANCHERI

80. Mr. V. K. Bhaskara Menon *(Cranganur):* Will Government kindly state whether they are contemplating the construction of shelters in the sheds constructed for the use of evacuees from the towns of Ernakulam and Mattancheri?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer):* The question of constructing a few shelters near the evacuation sheds at Palluruthi, Vyttila and Ponnuruni is under consideration.

Mr. V. K. Bhaskara Menon *(Cranganur):* May I know, Sir, whether the Government is considering as to whether shelters are necessary for all the evacuees, or only for some?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer):* It would be best if it is possible to construct shelters for all the evacuees. But in Palluruthi, space does not permit for constructing shelters for all of them. In Vyttila it is possible.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* May I know, Sir, whether the shelters built in Mattancheri are capable of being used as such.

Mr. President: This question does not deal with shelters in Ernakulam or Mattancheri. That is not the point.

VOTING OF DEMANDS FOR GRANTS

16. Law and Justice—Rs. 2,01,523

Mr. M. Sivarama Menon *(Advocate-General):* I beg to move for a grant of Rs. 2,01,523 under 15—Law and Justice. The budget relating to this department is a routine one and there is no particular feature in it to which I should draw your attention. The House may therefore be pleased to sanction the grant.

CUT MOTION No. 1

The delay in publishing Cochin Law Reports

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar *(Cheruthuruthi):* I move, *to reduce the allotment of Rs. 13,849 for Establishment, Civil Justice—High Court, by Re. 1. The object is to bring to the notice of the Government the delay in publishing the Cochin Law Reports.* Cochin Law Reports are published quarterly and the subscription is always paid in advance. Only the first part was published this year although we are at the fag end of the fourth quarter. There are private publications of the reports of the High Court and I think the latest part we have got is that of Mithunam. 11 Parts have been published this year, whereas the reports of the first three months are publised in the Government Gazette. I want to know what the delay is due to. There is a special Law Reporter who is paid a handsome allowance of Rs. 75 a month and there is also an efficient Government Press. Besides the inconvenience caused to the public on account of the delay in publishing these reports, the Government stands to lose some money, as I am sure it will be evident from the decrease in the number of subscribers to the Cochin Law Reports—Government publications, after the starting of the private publications of the Law reports. I therefore bring this to the notice of the Government and tell them that unless they are going to publish more promptly, if possible, even monthly, I think it would be better for them to stop the publication and save money and ask some authorities to publish for them. I therefore request the Government to consider the matter seriously and do the needful.

Mr. M. Sivarama Menon *(Advocate-General):* Sir, there is truth in the statement made by the Hon'ble Member that there has been delay in the publication of parts II and III of the Cochin Law Reports. Under the Rules framed by the High Court, it is laid down that within two months after the termination of a quarter, the Law Report of that quarter should be published. It is only with regard to parts 2 and 3 that there has been delay and it was due to the fact that the High Court was closed this year earlier for the mid-summer. There was no sitting at all in Meenam. The reports for Chingam, Kanni and Thulam have been published in time. The reports for Vrischigam, Dhanu and Makaram should have been published in the month of Meenam. But as a matter of fact, the court happened to be closed on the 1st Meenam and all the records together with the library of the High Court had to be transferred to distant places. That was the reason why parts 2 and 3 were not published in time as usual. Care has been taken to see that these publications are pushed through. Hon'ble Members are aware that you are attending to several pieces of important legislation on account of the situation created by the war. There has therefore been heavy work in the

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